



VOTE Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Non-Homestead Millage Renewal & Restoration

Frequently Asked Questions

On Tuesday, November 2, 2021 Huron Valley Schools will ask voters to consider renewing and restoring its routine non-homestead millage as required by the State of Michigan. It is essential to note that the non-homestead millage **does not impact principal residential owners**. This means there will be **no increase or decrease in taxes on primary residences within the school district**. Huron Valley Schools, like all districts in the state of Michigan are required to renew and restore the non-homestead millage every ten years in order to collect the minimum foundation for school operations.

What is non-homestead property?

Non-homestead property refers to industrial, commercial, rental and vacation property, including apartment buildings, and certain vacant land. It does not include a family's primary residence.

If the non-homestead millage is renewed and restored, will taxes on my home increase?

No. There will be no increase in your primary residence property taxes if the millage is renewed and restored.

If the millage is defeated, will taxes on my home decrease?

No. There will be no reduction in your primary residence property taxes if the millage does not pass.

Is this a new tax?

No. This is a renewal of the current tax rate and a restoration of the 18 mills on non-homestead property. Voters last approved this millage in 2012.

Why is there a non-homestead millage?

The non-homestead millage is an essential portion of the state's foundation grant formula for each school district. The non-homestead millage levy raises approximately \$10 million annually and represents approximately 12 percent of the school district's annual budget. This funding will not be provided to HVS within the state school aid act if this millage is not approved. Without the renewal and restoration, the district would face a budget deficit that would result in reductions in educational programming, services to students and staffing.

What is the money used for and how is it different from what we voted for in November 2019?

The funding the school district receives from the non-homestead millage supports the general operating budget or the day-to-day expenses. This includes instructional resources, classroom supplies, teachers' and support staff salaries, and transportation.

Where do I vote?

Visit www.michigan.gov/vote to see if you are registered, locate your voting precinct and view the ballot.

Do businesses and commercial entities pay this operating tax in other school districts?

Yes. Regardless of which school district a business may be located within Michigan, in order for a school district to receive its full funding from the State of Michigan, the district must levy the 18-mill operating tax.

What is a mill?

A mill is \$1 for every \$1,000 of taxable value on a property. The non-homestead operating millage rate is 18 mills, which means affected property owners pay \$18 for every \$1,000 in taxable value.

How will the ballot read?

Question 1

Huron Valley School District Operating Millage Renewal Proposal

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance renews millage that will expire with the 2022 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 17.3886 mills (\$17.3886 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Huron Valley School District, Oakland and Livingston Counties, Michigan be renewed for a period of 10 years, 2023 to 2032, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 17.3886 mills are levied in 2023 is approximately \$10,458,485 (this is a renewal of the millage that will expire with the 2022 tax levy)?

Question 2

Huron Valley School District Operating Millage Proposal

This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its per pupil foundation allowance.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Huron Valley School District, Oakland and Livingston Counties, Michigan, be increased by .6114 mill (\$0.6114 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 11 years 2022 to 2032, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2022 is approximately \$367,730 (this millage is to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963)?

Can I vote by absentee ballot?

Yes. Michigan allows all voters to vote by absentee ballot. [Vote from home](#) [Vote at your clerk's office](#)